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mation, and an economic map in colours shows the distribution over the island of its various resources, including minerals. This book will long be regarded as one of the fullest authorities on Formosa.

Canadian Year Book for 1903.—This publication, now in its sixth year, is a valuable work of reference on contemporaneous Canada. It contains nearly 400 pages, and is packed with information as to the government, products, trade, banks, and other kinds of business in the Dominion. It includes complete lists of the post offices, heads of departments in the Dominion and Provincial Governments, militia organizations, the customs schedules, and full statistics of the national finances and the foreign trade. Many half-tone pictures of public men are inserted. The book is marred by the distribution of advertisements throughout; but it may be too much to ask for perfection in a work containing so much information and selling for 25 cents. It is published by Alfred Hewett, Toronto.

Pamphlets from the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.—Among the recent publications of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum is a pamphlet, "The World's Commerce and American Industry," showing by a series of 86 charts the progress and present conditions of the world's commerce, of the manufacturing industries of the United States, and of British and American ship-building. The charts show more clearly than statistics alone would do what proportion of the world's trade belongs to each of the principal nations and the relative industrial importance of the leading cities of the United States. They are accompanied by letterpress amplifying the information. While chart 54, for example, shows the relative importance of our cities in the production of hosiery and knit goods, the note tells why they are now classed with cotton instead of woollen goods. The pamphlet is a quick and ready source of information on many essential features of commerce and manufacturing industries. Another pamphlet, "Commerce of Latin America," presents in twenty pages the most recent facts by means of charts and tables.

Ireland and Her Story. By Justin McCarthy. Horace Marshall and Son, London, 1903. (*The Story of the Empire Series.*)

Brief as it is, this book of less than 200 pages gives what the reader feels to be a temperate and truthful account of the Irish history from the legendary times to the present day. It is not

cheerful reading; but it humanises while it saddens, and those who are not wholly absorbed in their own concerns will learn, perhaps, from Mr. McCarthy's admirable pages to appreciate something of the magic that lives in the Dark Rosaleen.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

After the presentation and reading of reports, the election of officers and other business, the Hon. Robert Lansing will address the Society on the Questions Settled by the Award of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal.

On the 23d of February the Rev. Putnam Cady will describe the Physical and Historical Geography of the Dead Sea Region.

THE CULLUM GEOGRAPHICAL MEDAL. The Council, at a meeting held on the 10th of December, unanimously awarded the Cullum Geographical Medal to Prof. Dr. Georg von Neumayer for services to the cause of scientific geography as explorer in Australia and as Director of the German Naval Observatory in Hamburg.

IN NOVEMBER the Royal Scottish Geographical Society conferred upon Robert E. Peary, C.E., U. S. N., President of the American Geographical Society, Honorary Membership and the Livingstone gold medal for his distinguished services in connection with North Polar Exploration in the years 1898-1902.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Smithsonian Institution for 1902 shows that the permanent fund amounts to \$912,000. The receipts from all sources in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, were \$150,774, and the expenditures were \$69,653. Among the notable papers in the appendix are Guam and its People, by W. E. Safford; The Panama Route for a Ship Canal, by Prof. William H. Burr, and Volcanic Eruptions on Martinique and St. Vincent, by Prof. Israel C. Russell.